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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jennings DATE TYPED 2/2/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Health Care Professional payment Increases SB 257

ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$600.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
	\$1,540.0		Recurring	Federal Medicaid

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Human Services Department  
Department of Health

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 257 appropriates \$600 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of increasing payments to physicians and midwives for deliveries and caesarean sections under the Medicaid program to ensure access to these services and to offset the rising cost of professional malpractice insurance.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$600 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Should the same consideration be extended to all health care professionals since many share the same fiscal issues?

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